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IN UNITED VAN LINES MIGRATION STUDY

ST. LOUIS--Hawaii heads the list of states attracting the greatest percentage of new residents versus people moving away during 1984, according to a migration pattern study conducted by United Van Lines, one of the world's largest movers of household goods. Of the 1,238 shipments handled by the van line to and from the state of Hawaii, 77.3 percent were inbound.

Based upon more than 175,000 household goods shipments the van line serviced in 50 states during 1984, the study showed once again that the District of Columbia had a high in-migration percentage due to governmental changes and military transfers. The District has consistently led United's list of high inbound areas since the study began eight years ago. In 1984, however, the District placed second in the study, with 67.8 percent inbound traffic. Of the 48 contiguous states, the highest in-bound rate in the 1984 comparison was Florida.

Total inbound and outbound shipments handled by United were compared state by state in the study. If 55 percent or more of relocation activity was inbound, the state was considered to have high inbound migration.

United's migration pattern study showed states in the south and southwest continuing to gain more inbound than outbound shipments. Besides Hawaii, the District of Columbia, and Florida, states considered to have a high in-migration status include Georgia, Virginia, Arizona, Texas, Alaska and Washington.

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"Much of the movement in recent years has been to the sunbelt states," said President Robert J. Baer. "The climate in the south is a major attraction for individuals and corporations, but the Pacific Northwest also draws people."

States with the highest out-migration were North Dakota, West Virginia, Wisconsin and South Dakota. A state is considered to have high outbound migration if 44.9 percent or less of total activity is inbound. Only 32.7 percent of shipments handled in North Dakota were inbound; West Virginia, 33.8 percent; Wisconsin 35.7 percent, and South Dakota, 37.7 percent. Other states with high out-migration were Michigan, Montana, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Iowa, Minnesota, Wyoming, Illinois, New Jersey, Kansas and New York.

This year's study confirms a strengthened national economy as more people chose to relocate. United handled 175,000 household goods shipments in 1984, while the van line's 1983 study was based upon 150,000 moves.

"Many companies waited for economic conditions to improve before transferring their employees," Baer said. "Our national account figures, up 36 percent in 1984, support this trend."

Individuals paying for their own moves also hit the road in 1984, with United reporting a 22 percent increase in this type of business.

Twenty-six states experienced an approximate balance between outbound and inbound movement, the United study revealed. This means that between 45 and 54.9 percent of the activity was inbound.

Five states accounted for 37 percent of all household goods shipments handled by United. These states were California (43,854 shipments), Illinois (16,230 shipments), Texas (34,167 shipments), Florida (22,272 shipments), and New York (14,866 shipments).

New Mexico and Oklahoma, which were listed among the high in-migration states in 1983, appeared balanced in 1984. High inbound activity in Georgia, however, elevated it from balanced to high in-migration status.

Iowa and Montana were new high out-migration states in 1984 compared to the 1983 study.

United Van Lines is one of the world's largest movers of household goods and has more than 1,100 agents in 150 countries around the globe. The van line specializes in the transportation of electronic equipment, trade show exhibits, art displays, plant equipment and office furnishings, and also serves as a carrier for special commodities and newly manufactured products. United's world headquarters is in suburban St. Louis.

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(BASED ON OVER 175,000 SHIPMENTS)

STATE	TOTAL SHIPMENTS	OUTBOUND SHIPMENTS	INBOUND SHIPMENTS	% INBOUND SHIPMENTS
ALABAMA	4,540	2,384	2,156	47.5
ALASKA	538	193	345	64.1
ARIZONA	8,432	3,531	4,901	58.1
ARKANSAS	1,939	893	1,046	53.9
CALIFORNIA	43,854	21,080	22,774	51.9
COLORADO	11,395	6,137	5,258	46.1
CONNECTICUT	5,891	3,079	2,812	47.7
DELAWARE	1,001	478	523	52.2
D.C.	1,300	419	881	67.8
FLORIDA	22,272	8,793	13,479	60.5
GEORGIA	11,262	4,761	6,501	57.7
HAWAII	1,238	281	957	77.3
IDAHO	1,637	788	849	51.9
ILLINOIS	16,230	9,218	7,012	43.2
INDIANA	4,850	2,855	1,995	41.1
IOWA	2,371	1,357	1,014	42.8
KANSAS	5,482	3,061	2,421	44.2
KENTUCKY	3,717	1,951	1,766	47.5
LOUISIANA	5,091	2,505	2,586	50.8
MAINE	1,386	659	727	52.5
MARYLAND	6,219	2,976	3,243	52.1
MASSACHUSETTS	8,996	4,133	4,863	54.1
MICHIGAN	10,367	6,093	4,274	41.2
MINNESOTA	7,793	4,455	3,338	42.8
MISSISSIPPI	2,285	1,210	1,075	47.0
MISSOURI	7,692	3,919	3,773	49.1
MONTANA	1,384	836	548	39.6
NEBRASKA	2,047	1,031	1,016	49.6
NEVADA	2,559	1,243	1,316	51.4
NEW HAMPSHIRE	1,866	982	884	47.4
NEW JERSEY	11,655	6,550	5,105	43.8
NEW MEXICO	2,709	1,252	1,457	53.8
NEW YORK	14,866	8,245	6,621	44.5
NORTH CAROLINA	10,517	5,471	5,046	48.0
NORTH DAKOTA	1,228	826	402	32.7
OHIO	13,156	7,692	5,464	41.5
OKLAHOMA	3,907	1,873	2,034	52.1
OREGON	3,743	1,709	2,034	54.3
PENNSYLVANIA	11,191	6,429	4,762	42.6
RHODE ISLAND	921	443	478	51.9
SOUTH CAROLINA	4,095	1,939	2,156	52.6
SOUTH DAKOTA	718	447	271	37.7
TENNESSEE	6,118	2,838	3,280	53.6
TEXAS	34,167	14,843	19,324	56.6
UTAH	2,539	1,241	1,298	51.1
VERMONT	955	446	509	53.3
VIRGINIA	10,231	4,524	5,707	55.8
WASHINGTON	7,729	3,443	4,286	55.5
WEST VIRGINIA	1,385	917	468	33.8
WISCONSIN	5,620	3,615	2,005	35.7
WYOMING	1,174	671	503	42.8
TOTAL	354,258	176,715	177,543	

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UNITED STATES MIGRATION PATTERNS IN 1984
ACCORDING TO SHIPMENTS HANDLED BY UNITED VAN LINES

(Based in over 175,000 household goods shipments)